

**IN THE OFFICE OF THE VALLEY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
CASCADE, IDAHO
April 16, 2012**

**PRESENT: GORDON L. CRUICKSHANK (CHAIRMAN)
GERALD "JERRY" WINKLE (COMMISSIONER)
RAY MOORE, (COMMISSIONER)
ARCHIE BANBURY, CLERK**

Meeting called to order by Chairman Cruickshank at 9:05 a.m. with Clerk Banbury taking minutes.

Commissioner Moore moved to approve the agenda as amended adding a discussion of the Idaho Parks and Recreation grant concerning Waterways to Commissioner's discussion. Second by Commissioner Winkle and motion carried to accept the agenda as amended.

The pledge of allegiance to our flag was led by Glenna Young.

Motion to approve meeting minutes of April 9th, by Commissioner Moore, seconded by Commissioner Winkle and carried.

A Motion to approve the amendment to the Homeland Security Grant was made by Commissioner Moore, second by Commissioner Winkle and carried.

Discussion of held inmate medical claim determined that more information is necessary. An answer from legal counsel may be available this afternoon which will facilitate a decision by the Board, otherwise, the item will be tabled to next meeting.

The item concerning the extension of comp time use for a Road Department employee will be determined after a discussion with the Road Superintendent later in the meeting.

Responses to requests from Valley Soil and Water Conservation District and Squaw Creek Soil Conservation District were discussed. Commissioner Moore moved approval for the funding request notification for Valley Soil and Water Conservation District with the same changes to the letter as Squaw Creek's, Squaw Creek's having been previously approved. Seconded by Commissioner Winkle and carried.

Captain Coombs presented an Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation Grant for boating safety for acceptance by Valley County in the amount of \$25,588.00. Commissioner Moore moved to accept the grant, seconded by Commissioner Winkle and carried.

Captain Coombs presented the HSGP grant previously approved for signature by Chairman Cruickshank to accept the grant.

Captain Coombs reported on the ICS 400 Training program, he asked permission to purchase snacks (a reimbursable item) for the exercise. It was noted by the Board that such expenditure is within the purview of the grant awarded to the Sheriff's Office. He also reported on the Active School Shooter Exercise that will be hosted on May 9th and will involve the McCall/Donnelly High School, from noon until about six p.m. and will also involve the Cascade and McCall Police, as well as all three fire departments. Lunch and supper will be provided to the participants. He asked the commissioners to attend if at all possible.

Cynda reported on the Corps of Engineers proposal to provide shoreline erosion control for 1,140 feet of shoreline near the Bluff and Big Sage Campgrounds. It will involve about 2,400 cubic yards of fill material, native soil and angular rock to stabilize the bank.

Commissioner Winkle would like the Board to make comments. Chairman Cruickshank would like specific comments relative to beach access through the rip-rap barrier. Cynda will prepare the response for his signature in time to meet the April 30th deadline. Commissioner Moore moved to authorize the Chairman to sign the comments. Second by Commissioner Winkle and the motion carried.

Todd Hatfield appeared and discussed County Coordination. He reviewed what he had discussed in June, after attending a meeting on coordination for counties, as concerns bringing federal government agencies to the table to discuss economic development and other issues. The requirement is involved in a number of legislative directives that directs the agencies to work with local government in projects that impact local economies. It is up to Valley County to ask for the science to clarify the reasoning of actions taken by the agencies. For Valley County, this is primarily the Forest Service and Fish and Wildlife. Their science must be proven. He wants to insure this is happening with the agencies by action of the County. He recommended preparation of an Economic Resource Plan. He wants to form a coalition to prepare the plan.

He requested for the adoption of County Coordination, citing successes by Modoc County, California and Owyhee County in Idaho. He mentioned snowmobile trails previously discussed by the Board.

Commissioner Moore mentioned the recent proposed loss of three miles of snowmobile trails. Todd responded that the Forest Service would have to prove the scientific reasoning for closing the trails. He suggested County Coordination is a method to cause the federal government to work with the County.

Todd also asked for the creation of economic resource plans to cause small timber sales which would provide jobs locally to companies that cannot afford large timber sales.

Commissioner Moore believes we are not heard on these issues. Todd volunteered to work on the economic resource plan, and wants to obtain other county's plans. He wants to identify those who may be interested in timber, mining and other resources.

Chairman Cruickshank asked if Todd would visit with Ken Postma who helps the County with Natural Resource issues and the possibility of forming a Natural Resource Committee.

Commissioner Moore offered that a resolution should come before the resource plan. Commissioner Winkle agreed.

Stephen Thayne spoke concerning this proposal. He encouraged the Commission to get started on this. He offered to assist if he could.

Terry Gestrin added that he formerly coordinated with an office in Washington D.C. That office may still exist in the White House. All federal agencies are required to coordinate with the counties. The County Board of Commissioners is not a private or special interest group and should be recognized as not being such an entity.

Commissioner Moore would like to have Ken Postma involved. Commissioner Moore moved to adopt the County Coordination Resolution as Valley County's Resolution 12-9 as provided by Todd Hatfield. Second by Commissioner Winkle and carried. Clerk Banbury suggested the resolution, as submitted, should be brought into conformance with our form and format for resolutions. He will do so.

Concerning Human Resources Director Tami Bishop Rhodes, Commissioner Winkle suggested we should continue with the same style for the HR position as we have been doing. Commissioner Moore would like to continue to use Tami in her role, if it is possible until we can fill the position.

Chairman Cruickshank asked if Tami would address the issue.

She suggested if she could continue "long distance" or help out by advertising her position. It is up to the Board. She has received calls and deals with the situations presented. She is willing to assist in finding someone and will prepare the questions and/or participate in the interview of candidates.

Commissioner Moore suggested having Tami prepare the ad (for a either a contractor or an employee) and then consider the responses. Chairman Cruickshank prefers a contractor as it provided flexibility for employees to contact the HR department. Commissioner Moore suggested advertising either contractor or part time employee, not to exceed 19-hours per week to see what is available. Tami thinks the job can be done in 20 hours per week. The workload is not predictable which is why we might want to consider a contractor. She will e-mail a proposal for consideration. It will be on next week's agenda.

Concerning Tamarack Personal Property Tax Payments, Treasurer Glenna Young reported that one inclusive title policy would be sufficient as opposed to the 189 parcels in Village Square. There have been none sold. To collect a \$225 charge on each of them would be expensive and in no one's best interest. Title insurance can be obtained for the whole parcel for \$225 plus a \$10 charge for each lot per her conversations with Coleen Cole of Amerititle.

Secondly she asked if the payment schedule is to be extended through the end of the year for Tamarack personal property. It is a question of allocating the payments. The proposal and decision are unclear as to whether or not the personal property tax payments schedule is extended through December of 2012. She suggested a review of the situation in June of 2012.

She believes the intent was to accept the \$22,319, as coming from Amerititle, to be applied to the previously agreed personal property tax monthly payments of \$2,000 each month through December of 2012. She was directed to re-contact legal counsel and report back to the Board with their recommendations.

A resolution was presented by Clerk Banbury to clarify the Water District's process for collection of their fees and payment of expenses by what entity. Commissioner Moore moved for approval of Resolution 12-7, second by Commissioner Winkle and carried.

A resolution was presented by Clerk Banbury to reimburse the County's Reserve account which paid out the funding for the Temp Agency this past winter. The funding was transferred from the Clerk's account who utilized the Temp Agency. Commissioner Moore moved for approval of Resolution 12-8, second by Commissioner Winkle and carried.

Concerning Road Department purchases, Jerry Robinson appeared and discussed the situations as follows:

Purchases involve a camp trailer to house the crew when working in the back country, they need an additional trailer, but it will cost up to \$4,000. He sent out an RFP for a new pickup which should come in at under \$25,000. He wants to buy gravel mixer to blend oil and gravel for asphalt patching for \$55,000. It should save on labor and be more efficient as this machine would only require two operators and two flaggers. The current process uses two trucks with drivers, two labors and the flaggers.

He also wants to purchase a conveyor to place rocks under bridges at a cost of about \$3,000.

A discussion was held on the funds that were budgeted in the current fiscal year and how there were some changes on what was needed. The decision was that the funding was in the budget for these type purchases.

Commissioner Moore moved to enter executive session per I.C. 67-2345 (1) (a) concerning a personnel matter, i.e. hiring a person to fill a temporary vacancy caused by illness. Second by Commissioner Winkle and carried by roll call vote as follows: Commissioner Winkle, "Aye", Commissioner Moore, "Aye" and Chairman Cruickshank, "Aye".

Reconvene regular session at 12:05 p.m. Decision made was in favor of hiring a temporary employee.

Commissioner Moore moved to enter executive session per I.C. 67-2345 (1) (f) pending litigation. Second by Commissioner Winkle and carried by roll call vote. Commissioner Winkle, "Aye", Commissioner Moore, "Aye" and Chairman Cruickshank, "Aye".

Reconvene regular session at 12:15 p.m., no decision concerning the executive session.

Meeting adjourned at 1:10 p.m.

Gordon L. Cruickshank, Chairman

Attest:

Archie N. Banbury, Clerk

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